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AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING AND
ACCESSING THE LEXICON

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RESPONSE

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REMARKS

This response is in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2005. With this response no claims are amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In item 3 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected 1-31 under 35 USC§103(a) as being unpatentable over Burrows (6021409) in view of Sarukkai et al. (5819220). The Examiner asserted that Burrows teaches all of the elements of the claims. However, the Examiner asserted that Burrows does not explicitly teach the use of the word techniques in a speech related application. The Examiner then asserted that Sarukkai teaches using word list techniques in a web based speech applications. Then the Examiner asserted that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of internet portals to adapt the teachings of Burrows into speech related web applications because it would advantageously tailor the speech enabled sites to specific vocabularies. The applicant has reviewed the references and must respectfully disagree.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art (to which the invention is